GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:613
ANSWERED ON:21.02.2003
UNDER INVOICES IMPORTS
A.C. JOSE

Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that large quantities of cloves and cardamom are being imported under invoicing into the country;

(b) if so, the whether the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence of the port of Chennai and Mumbai has detected any such import;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action taken by the Government to stop such under-invoiced import of cardamom and cloves?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE & COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI GINGEE N.RAMACHANDRAN)

(a),(b) & (c) Certain instances of under invoicing in the import of cloves & cardamom into the country have been noticed. Details of the cases detected in this regard by Customs authorities & DRI at Mumbai are as under:

COMMODITY	2000-2001		2001-2002		2002-2003 (Upto Jan 03)	
	No.of cases goods seized	Value of goods seized (Rs. In Crores)	No.of cases goods seized	Value of goods seized (Rs. In Crores)	No.of cases goods seized	Value of goods seized (Rs. In Crores)
CLOVES	2	6.07	1	0.54	NIL	NIL
CARDAMOM	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	3	0.78

(c) Customs authorities are alert and vigilant to prevent and detect under invoicing in the import of all goods including cloves and cardamom.